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MEMBERS OF THE MASTER'S PRODUCTION COMPANY perform before an audience of 200 people in Knowles Hall last night. The skits of the comedy team depict American youths learning to play the dating game.

Staff photo by Sean Turecek

New computer system to be purchased by UM

By Claudia Stephens
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

The University of Montana will change to a new computer system with more memory capability and processing power than the present system, said Tom Morarre, manager of user services in the Computer Center.

Another reason for the change is that Digital Equipment Corporation, a Massachusetts firm, will phase out

the current system, DECSYS-TEM-20, within two years. Morarre said. The system has been used by the university since 1976. The change will affect the entire university from administrative computer users to student computer users, Morarre said.

The new computer system will be composed of two main computers called VAX 8600. The new system makes it

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Proposed faculty-salary settlement receives both praise and criticism

By Tamara Mohawk
Kaimin Staff Reporter

University of Montana faculty disagree about the value of the proposed contract settlement reached last Thursday between the University Teachers Union and the Board of Regents.

Critics of the proposal say that a 1.5 percent salary increase for this year and a 3.25 percent increase for next year amount to insignificant bonuses distributed to a small number of the faculty.

Supporters of the proposal agree that the proposed pay increases are too small, but say the UTU successfully negotiated the best possible settlement.

The contract proposal must be approved by a majority of the faculty for final ratification. The proposal will be voted on Nov. 21.

The 1.5- and 3.25-percent "normal increase" is the original percentage of salary increase suggested by the Legislature for all state employees.

But UTU chief negotiator Jim Walsh stressed that the agreement between the UTU and the Regents also increases salary floors, merit pay, promotion pay and other areas of compensation.

Ralph Judd, an assistant professor in microbiology, said he would not vote for the agreement because such increases affect few faculty members.

"You're talking about affecting less than 10 percent of the faculty," he said. "It doesn't help me. It doesn't help anyone in my department."

"Sure, if you get merit you get, say, an extra 25 bucks."

Walsh said yesterday in response to Judd's comments, "I regret very much that the contract settlement isn't better than it is, but we think that we've got all the available money that there was."

Judd, who is not a member of the union and in the past has opposed it, said the UTU "did a horrible job."

He said that despite the increases in benefits and compensations finally agreed on, the Regents' proposal for a 1.5 percent raise this year is "insulting."

"It's like leaving a bad waitress a one-penny tip," he said.

But forestry professor David Jackson, a member of the UTU executive board, said that the union was "effective in getting what (money for salaries) was available."

'It's like leaving a bad waitress a one-penny tip.'

— Ralph Judd, microbiology

The proposed contract 'helps people from the low end of the pay scale move up.'

— David Jackson, forestry

He said he would vote to accept the agreement because, with the raises in merit pay, promotions, and salary floors, the contract "helps people from the low end of the pay scale move up."

"It helps to reinforce excellence," Jackson said, because faculty will work to obtain the merit and other increases.

Jackson said that some faculty will actually receive about a 7-percent increase in combined pay. "That's a heck of a lot better than 1.5 percent," he said.

Walsh said he did not know the range of increased pay, but that while every faculty

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Pool renovation nears completion; reopening set for Winter Quarter

By Judi Thompson
Kaimin Reporter

With most of the renovation work now complete, the Grizzly Swimming Pool will reopen at the beginning of Winter Quarter.

Howard Johnson, manager of recreation facilities, said that he is currently screening applicants for the position of pool manager and hopes to have that position filled soon so that work can begin on preparing the Winter Quarter schedule for pool usage.

Since the University of Montana women's swim team was dropped last year due to NCAA regulations, Johnson

said more time should be available for students' recreation swim. With the swim team, he explained, the pool was "tied up quite a bit and that should change (now)."

Last year, Johnson said, lap swimming was permitted two hours a day and free swimming was allowed one hour a day. The rest of the time, the swim team had practices or UM swim classes were scheduled, he added.

Swimming courses will be offered through the HPE Department Winter Quarter, Johnson said.

The Missoula High School Swim Team will also use the

Grizzly Pool for its practices during January. The team, composed of swimmers from the three Missoula County High Schools, has been without water to practice in since the beginning of the school year. Don Lawton, assistant principal and director of activities at Hellgate High School, said the team has been limited in preparing for swim meets by just performing calisthenics to get into shape.

The team will have nearly a month of in-water workouts before its state meet, Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Lawton said he didn't know how well the team

would perform at the meet with such limited swim time, but the swimmers had to live with those circumstances because their only "option (was) to not compete at all."

The high school team's practices don't interfere with the availability of free swim time, as it usually holds practice early in the morning before 8:00.

Among the changes at the pool are redesigned locker room facilities, a new heating and ventilation system, a new plumbing system and a new safety gutter along the edge of the pool, Johnson said.

The locker rooms have been "redone completely" and now are available for use by handicapped individuals, he said.

As part of the heating and ventilation project, Johnson said, the large overhead "garage doors" were removed and a false ceiling was put in. With those changes, he added, the pool "shouldn't have the humidity factor" it had in past years.

Johnson said the \$673,000 renovation project proceeded right on schedule and that everything has "gone very smooth."

Opinion

Three birds with one stone

An organizing effort is currently underway to place an initiative on the ballot that would require coal severance tax trust funds to be used in a manner more beneficial, and less threatening to Montanans. The initiative calls for the money to be invested in the state's agriculture, preferably in small farms. It would also prohibit investment of state money in U.S. corporations that deal with South Africa, and would also divest money from companies that manufacture nuclear weapons. The state has \$157 million invested in firms that do business with South Africa, and \$32 million invested in nuclear arms manufacturers.

Similar efforts in past Legislatures have failed, so the backers are taking it to the people. Although divestiture from both would neither end the nuclear threat nor bring an end to apartheid, it would be a significant statement. More important is that it would put the money to use here in the Montana. But perhaps the greatest significance is that, should it pass, it would be the work of the people and reveal the power of direct democracy.

In light of the farm credit crisis, the arms race and the heinous state of affairs in South Africa, the initiative is remarkable in its scope, and brilliant in its solution. It calls for a local response to global problems. The Agricultural Preference Coalition, the group sponsoring the initiative, will draw up the petition this week, and start circulating it sometime shortly thereafter. Look for it and sign it.

Parking woes

Latest word from the parking czars is that parking fees will increase \$3 a year for the coming ten years. By 1995 fees will have reached the ceiling of \$54. The fee increase will be used to pay off a \$450,000 loan used to build a new lot and resurface existing ones. Of the parking situation at UM, Fiscal Affairs VP Glen Williams says "there isn't any free lunch."

How true. But there certainly is a much cheaper one available. Shuttle bus service from the lot at Dornblaser Field to the UM costs only \$9 a year. Compared to the \$24 year paid for nonexistent campus parking, that's a steal. And yet only 17 people have taken up the offer.

Lack of response to the shuttle bus probably comes from the slight inconvenience that accompanies the service. But considering the upwardly mobile parking fees, the shuttle service provides an inexpensive alternative. But an even better alternative is to leave your car at home and ride, walk or take the bus to school.

Bad paper

Do you have an uncashed federal check laying around? Better cash it before Friday or it literally won't be worth the paper it's printed on.

It seems our government has a little bit of a cash flow problem. The federal till will be empty on Friday unless Congress can work out an appropriations bill before then. Thus far they've been too busy dickering over the ludicrous proposition that the budget should be balanced by 1991. Considering that the national deficit is hovering around two trillion dollars, half of which was amassed by the Reagan Administration, wiping the slate clean in six years should be no problem.

In the meantime, there are bills to be paid. Congress will have to act fast or face some nasty consequences. Will there be a governmental default of unprecedented magnitude? Will the armed services mutiny upon finding out that their defense of the American Way has been for gratis? Will grandma's social security check bounce like a super ball? Stay tuned.

Michael Kustudia



Ben Copple

From Yasgar's Farm



The American republic was to be based on the law radiating from the people's Constitution, which is the supreme law of the nation. The power of the people is placed in the sovereign entity which we mutually agree will govern us. Because government stems directly from the people, the Constitution gives it power. Thus the Constitution is a contract between the people and their government. For this reason, laws passed by the people's government must be seen as legitimate in the eyes of the public.

We as individuals may not agree with the law but we are bound by the social contract to accept it. These are the pillars upon which this nation rests. To deny them would be to deny the nation itself.

In reality we are a formal democracy. The Constitution is a facade and a historical failure. Any pretenses our founders had about social contracts have degenerated into a governmental system that is not harnessed by the people but instead by philosophical judges, special interest groups, and tyrannical leaders.

We stand by and watch passively, almost mundanely, as the Supreme Court uses its judicial wizardry to create new powers for itself. The Constitution says nothing about forced busing, judicial review, total federal regulation of the market place, or the other fabricated powers created by the court under the banner of organic constitutionalism. Such a legal system is not what the framers intended, nor have the American people ever been given a chance to approve such dramatic changes in our Constitution.

While Congress was to articulate the general will, it is now structured around special interest groups and corporate campaign contributions. Americans vote for the lesser of two evils, usually re-elect the incumbent and less than half us even bother to vote in the first place. The modern Senator waves to the apathetic public with one hand and accepts a corporate contribution with the other. American democracy sinks into a quagmire.

We fought our revolution to free ourselves from the shackles of King George III. But Richard Nixon introduced the imperial presidency, spent millions of dollars on Vietnam, investigated the lives of hundreds of Americans and was hopelessly corrupt. The Reagan administration seems little better, plotting to overthrow governments around the world, giving weapons to totalitarian despots, turning its back on the poor and the destitute. Is this the kind of America our forefathers had in mind? Is not Ronald Reagan the epitome of a modern day King George?

If two more state Legislatures pass resolutions calling for a constitutional convention, then it would be possible to restructure American government. Most of the resolutions call for a convention to pass a balanced budget amendment and an anti-abortion amendment. The final say will be up to the Supreme Court.

Many have offered possible contemporary alternatives to the present system of American Government. One scholar has suggested that we break the country into six separate nations based on economic and geographical considerations. The Libertarians suggest a return to a state that more resembles the Articles of Confederation. Since Prince Charles is in the country we could beg for forgiveness and to be let back into the empire. I would be willing to stand up in Constitution hall and call for the radical redistribution of American wealth to be administered by a group of philosopher kings.

Nevertheless, it has become clear that the revolution has soured, the Constitution is outdated, the social contract has been broken, and American idealism gone awry. In the words of the Reverend Jackson, "It is time for a change." Thomas Jefferson himself recommended the drafting of a new Constitution every generation and certainly the present one has lived on well passed its prime.

Ben Copple is a senior in political science.

Forum

Road-use tax

Dear Editor:

The city of Missoula is making another push to require licenses on bicycles. I was recently ticketed for not having a license on my bicycle.

As the ordinance is written, any visitor to the city—such as a cyclo-tourist from Vermont—would need to buy a license to ride the streets of Missoula for even one day. As a resident of the Rattlesnake outside the city limits, I am no more a resident of Missoula than the Vermont cyclo-tourist. I may visit Missoula daily for work and school, but I vote and legally reside elsewhere. Missoula may tax its residents in any way the voters will accept, but they lack authority to tax anyone else. This is taxation without representation.

Requiring bicycles to be licensed to use city streets is a road-use tax. This is no more legitimate than taxing non-residents' motor vehicles to use city streets, whether for one day or on a daily basis.

This ordinance as written is invalid in its application to non-residents of Missoula.

Sincerely,
Mark Chapman
graduate, non-degree

Veterans' Day

Dear Editor:

Yesterday was Veterans' Day, a national holiday, but who at the University of Montana was aware of that? We were having classes. Isn't a holiday a holiday? I went to the university president's office to inquire why. The president was gone; the vice presidents were gone. The receptionist explained that the decision was made in times past to trade the Veterans' Day holiday for the day following Thanksgiving. To my way of thinking, that is a very poor excuse. Can't classes begin a

day earlier or end a day later?

The fact that we attended classes was in itself abhorrent, but what bothered me even more was the total lack of recognition. Not one poster, not one leaflet, nothing anywhere on the campus or in the University Center to acknowledge the fact that yesterday in the United States of America we honored those who have served in the military forces, many of them having given their lives to defend or promote the ideals for which this nation stands. Perhaps I am so moved by the apparent indifference because so many of my friends, acquaintances and comrades-in-arms were among those who died and should have been honored, but seem to have been forgotten here in the Land of Liberty and the Big Sky.

I'm sure that I'm not alone, but some visible manifestation of remembrance, some recognition of Veterans' Day and its meaning, would have been appreciated.

I am proud to be an American, and a Montanan, and a student at the University of Montana, but additionally I am hurt, I am disgusted, I am a veteran.

Leo W. Rowley
U.S. Army-retired
junior, Geography

Absurd Burt

Dear Editor:

This is in response to Bradley Burt's Oct. 31 column. If his intent was to be clever, while attempting to present a conservative viewpoint, he succeeded only in sounding stupid and mean.

The notion that the city government is responsible for bankruptcies and business closures he leaves unsubstantiated. And rightly so. Are we to believe that all the thousand of successful Missoula business owners are cowering in their closets, awaiting the

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by Berke Breathed

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

inevitable city council kiss of death? No less absurd is his statement that the results of the Nov. 5 election will "make or break" Missoula's future.

Missoula, like any city, will not change drastically simply from the results of one election. Both mayoral candidates understand that; and both, therefore, offer little more than the "vague rhetoric" that Mr. Burt would have us believe only one candidate is guilty of dispensing.

As for how homicides in Missoula are the fault of the city council, I will leave for Mr. Burt to determine through a logical, detailed study to be published in an appropriate journal at some future date.

He attacked one council member for being out of touch with her constituents. This he determined by looking through that traditional treasure of information, the campaign brochure. I'm no expert, but I'd guess that one can hardly be voted 14 years of representation on the council,

while remaining out of touch with one's constituents.

And, if Mr. Burt had asked, he'd know why her phone number is unlisted. The phone company suggested it, after she began receiving obnoxious, anonymous calls. Instead, he assumes what he wants to believe: that she fears phone calls from her constituents because of her position on the Mountain Water acquisition.

The rest of his remarks amounted to little more than name-calling, more appropriate to the grade school playground.

Finally, the idea that the rest of the country basks in Reagan's economic recovery would be difficult to sell to the thousands of farmers, steel and textile workers who face economic uncertainty (to use an understatement). I'm not saying the president is responsible for the plight of these industries, just that one man's "economic recovery" is another man's recession.

On the positive side, there is potential in Bradley Burt's writing. The phrase "The rotting corpse of liberalism" has that fantastic ring the Ayatollah loves so much. Perhaps Mr. Burt could hie himself over to Iran and write slogans for Khomeini before the moderates ruin the fun.

Michael Cavanaugh
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Parking restrictions created to allow for more space

By Faith Conroy
Kaimin Staff Reporter

In an effort to create additional parking spaces on campus, the University of Montana Safety and Security office instituted this quarter new parking regulations that limit parking privileges to compact cars in the parking lot south of the Zoology Annex.

Ken Willett, safety and security manager, said the Traffic Appeals and Review Committee recommended the change last spring to Glen Williams, fiscal affairs vice president.

However, committee member Susan

Matule said she recently visited the lot to see what changes were made.

"I couldn't believe what I saw," she said. "It's just incredible. They didn't create more space, just another rule."

Matule said the committee recommended limiting parking to compact cars and eliminating an existing no-parking zone.

"We said they need to get rid of the yellow line," she said, "but the line is still there. They just restricted it to compact cars. That is not what we recommended."

Joe Helwig, a senior in wildlife biol-

ogy and botany, said he believes the restriction makes parking on campus more difficult. Helwig recently received a \$3.00 ticket for parking his half-ton pickup in the lot.

Helwig said he frequently parked in the lot last year and did not find anything in the current regulations brochure that mentions the change.

He said no lines are painted to designate spaces and he sees large vehicles regularly parked in the lot.

Willett said there was no time to publish the change in the brochure and that he "wouldn't put it in any-

way."

"We can do it with signs," he said. Although a sign in the lot indicates the restriction, the safety and security office has no definitive criteria for compact cars.

"I would say if there was a limo in there, that wouldn't be a compact car," Willett said.

Williams said the change "makes sense" because it creates more parking spaces. The lot will be paved and lines painted by next fall to prevent drivers from occupying too much space, he said.

UM accepting applications for students wanting to study in Japan

By Adina Lindgren
Kaimin Staff Reporter

Applications for University of Montana students wishing to study in Japan while paying UM fees are now being accepted for next year.

Dick Solberg, associate academic vice president in charge of international student af-

fairs, said Monday that students who want to study at UM's sister institution in Tokyo, Japan, should schedule an interview with him soon.

Students must submit three letters of recommendation, their transcripts and be interviewed by Solberg by Dec. 1

to be considered for the exchange with Sophia University.

Last year UM and Sophia University started the year-long program for students who have completed at least two years of university study.

The program was established by UM President Neil Bucklew and Sophia Univer-

sity President Mutsuo Yanase.

Solberg said administrators from both universities visited the campuses several times to initiate the program.

Through the program, the campuses exchange two carefully selected students from each campus for a period of one academic year, lasting

from September to May or June. The exchange students pay their normal fees to their home universities.

Students have host families with whom they can spend the holidays and have the option of living in the dormitories or in off-campus housing.

Through the program, both universities will exchange students and faculty members. This is the first year that UM students are attending Sophia University while it is the second that Sophia students are studying at UM.

This year Harry Dasinger, junior in English, and Wendy Evans, junior in home economics, are studying at Sophia while Naoko Matsumoto and Satoru Narita are studying here. Next year Leroy Anderson, UM professor in sociology will be part of the exchange.

Matsumoto said he likes the spaciousness of UM. He said the Sophia University campus, which has about 8,000 students, is about one quarter the size of the UM campus. About 9,000 students attend UM.

Matsumoto, an English major in Japan, said there is a greater diversity here. He said, "When I was in Japan I took mainly English, but here I can take anything I want."

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responds. While the first band played, they'd been smoking, running, basically showing off for each other, but now, with Connie and the Rhythms on stage, they dance. Some of them even kiss. This new wave event suddenly looks like a teenage Valentine's Day dance, like a sock hop of yesteryear. May I, ahem, have this dance?

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Sports

Wind takes air out of Griz offense

By Fritz Neighbor
Kaimin Sports Reporter

The third quarter did it to the Grizzlies again Saturday as the Boise State Broncos came out and buried the Grizzlies in the second half, as several teams have done this year.

Head Coach Larry Donovan said the game plan against Boise State, which was ranked ninth in the nation in rushing defense, was to use a total pass-oriented spread offense attack.

"And you know what happened," Donovan said. The Grizzlies, unable to throw the ball effectively against Boise in Saturday's wind and cold, had to turn to other means of moving the ball — the wish-

bone formation.

The Grizzlies had to "shift gears," Donovan said, to "see if we could control the ball and stay with them. And we did, in that first half."

The Broncos' defense took it to the Grizzly wishbone in the second half. The Grizzlies wound up with only 90 yards in total offense. Part of the problem was the lead blocking, Donovan said, where that key block was being missed.

"It's just an example of every play depending on everybody doing their job," Donovan said.

Two Boise players received Big Sky Player of the Week honors for their efforts against the Grizzlies. Senior fullback Jon Francis was co-offensive player of the week with

Weber State tight end Craig Slama.

Francis had 158 yards rushing on 29 carries against UM, while Slama caught seven passes for 224 yards against Northern Arizona.

Junior outside linebacker Rex Walters of Boise State was co-defensive player of the week. Walters, moved from linebacker to defensive end against Montana, responded with eight tackles, four for losses. Walters also forced a fumble and deflected one pass.

Inside linebacker Tom Hennessey of Idaho shared the defensive honors with Walters. Hennessey had eight tackles and two interceptions in Idaho's win over Montana State on Saturday.



SOPHOMORE CORNERBACK Nate Odden of the Grizzlies moves in to tackle Boise State flanker Tony Hunter during Montana's 28-3 loss to the Broncos at Dornblaser Field. Staff photo by Eric Trower

MWAC tourney on minds of slumping spikers

By Ken Pekoc
Kaimin Sports Reporter

One might tend to write the Lady Grizzly volleyball team, losers of four out of its last five league matches, out of the Mountain West Athletic Conference Tournament title chase.

The team's latest loss, a heartbreaker to Idaho Saturday, gives the team little momentum as it faces a tough road trip this weekend to face Boise State and conference leader Portland State.

Two losses on that trip would drop the Lady Griz to just 8-6 in the MWAC, after winning their first seven conference matches. It would also give the Lady Grizzlies even less momentum going into the conference tournament.

Optimism is hard to find; that is until you talk to head coach Dick Scott.

"There's no pressure on us," he said, referring to the conference playoff picture. "We're locked in the top four and would like to meet Portland State in the championship." But Scott is quick to point out that "we'll just take it one match at a time."

"We're a total of 10 points from being undefeated," Scott said, referring to the Lady Grizzlies' four conference losses.

Currently, the team has an 8-4 conference record, 21-12 overall. All four conference losses went to the five-game limit before the Grizzlies fell.

In the loss to Idaho, a match the Grizzlies led two games to none before dropping three straight games, the Vandals took away Montana's effective power game.

Most teams have been pre-

paring for Montana with this same thought in mind. "They know we like to force the middle," the coach said.

Likewise, the Lady Grizzlies try and attack the weaknesses of opponents. "Against Idaho, we neutralized Robin Jordan," Scott said. "In our first match she had 29 kills." Unfortunately for Montana, Robin Reslock took up the slack for

Idaho Saturday and contributed 25 kills.

Scott would like to see his players step in and play the same role Reslock did for Idaho. "In a few cases individuals we were relying on haven't come through," he said, adding that it would be nice to have more balance on the squad.

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Obsession, excess and expectations: getting beyond the easy laugh

By John Kappes
Kaimin Arts Editor

"I think the theater could erase and repudiate the icons," wrote Joseph Chaikin, a founder of New York's experimental Open Theater. First among those icons is what the audience expects—wants—to see. But the business of confounding expectations never goes according to plan.

Review

Peter Weiss' "The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton under

the Direction of the Marquis de Sade" (Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Maquer Theater) sets out to unsettle. Director Jennifer Rose has her cast, asylum inmates and staff alike, wearing costumes made of plastic trash bags. The set is a skeleton of iron pipe and platforms. Jean-Paul Marat sits in a bath of popcorn.

But "Marat/Sade" confounds as it confounds. It is not simply a relic of 1960s self-indulgence. Rather, it's an intelligent, entrancing argument about obsession, excess and their consequences. Rose takes those concerns literally, and has carved out a space where they can have free reign.

It is 1808. The Marquis de Sade (Severt Philleo) has been confined to a madhouse in the imperial aftermath of the French Revolution. He stages plays there, using fellow inmates as actors. The authorities watch.

As the volatile Marquis, Philleo communicates a sense of controlled mania that captures the ambiguities of his situation well. The lines, all of them, even in other mouths, are his. Is he mad? Or is this pageant of raving itself a kind of therapy? De Sade himself doesn't know, which keeps tensions high.

Nothing was settled by the murder of revolutionary Jean-Paul Marat in 1793; de Sade is sure of it. He nonetheless

restages the crime, making Marat his exact opposite and (in that sense) his twin, sharing his narrowness of vision. Michael Verdon conveys Marat's blind rage with authority, but loses concentration when it comes to his doubts, his second thoughts. Both are important to de Sade, and so to the play.

Nicola Kline is similarly at a loss in the role of Simonne Evrard, Marat's companion. She wanders as if in a daze, rarely translating her professed devotion to Marat and his cause into a memorable gesture or turn of phrase. Distraction can be played with intensity, however, and Sorine Fangsrud's performance as assassin Charlotte Corday is

proof. Fangsrud builds her speeches breath by breath, and keeps the audience waiting for more.

The show would fail, despite Philleo and Fangsrud, without good ensemble work from the chorus, and Rose gets at least that. Sean Abley handles the sprained poetry of the Herald with good humor; Mary Meyer and Russ Gay emerge as daunting obstacles to order with well-conceived physical bits. And Tammy Ray's innovative lighting plot bathes the whole scene in bloody reds and sickly yellows, a reminder that when "total theater" (as this show has been called) has its way, expectations don't matter.

Dario Fo's "We Can't Pay? We Won't Pay!" (Wednesday and Friday at 8 p.m. in the Masquer Theater) is a political farce about a Communist factory worker, his strong-willed (and ultra-radical) wife, two of their friends and the wreck that is the Italian economy. Reacting against conventional notions of political humor as dreary, director Pam Ahern has defused the troublesome dialectics with thick accents and slapstick.

And this production is funny. Jennifer Moore (as Antonia) and Donald Mogstad (as Giovanni) both have the superb comic timing needed to keep their domestic troubles from going stale. Moore, in what may be her best work so far, practically carries Act One herself, gesticulating, browbeating and never once letting a line drop.

The overall pace of the show is quite uneven, however. There is little chemistry between Giovanni's friend Luigi (Casey Greenwood) and his wife Marguerita (Kerry Buchheister), nor between the two couples. Jokes trail off, strained accents break and all the wild energy begins to seem misplaced, almost an ethnic slur.

Then Willard Knox comes in—now as a Maoist policeman, now as smarmy funeral director—and things pick up. Knox's sharp characterizations inject a welcome political bite into the proceedings, though he also has trouble feeling out when enough is enough.

"Much passes between people in the theater which is intuitive and not at all concrete," Chaikin wrote, "having nothing to do with data." More attention to Fo's naughty political subtext—what the audience might expect, paradoxically—would have helped this farce get beyond the "data," the easy laugh.

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Williams said the university received about \$2.9 million from the bond, roughly half of which will go to the computer system. The fees used to cover the interest and principal on the debt will come from student computing fees, land grant income and Computer Center assessments. "By this time next year we (UM) will have the best computer center in the state," he said.

Morarre said that the completed system would have a common file system, which means that if one computer stopped working, an individual could continue his work on another because it would have the same information on file.

Morarre said that he hopes by next September the new system will be in place, and the information files stored on the old system would be transferred to the new one.

Reaction

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member would get at least a 1.5-percent pay hike this year, many will get a significantly higher raise.

Robert Hausmann, chairman of the linguistics department and a UTU member, said that collective bargaining by the union with the Regents has worked to get as much money as possible for salary raises.

But Hausmann said he is "leaning against" voting for the proposal.

"It would almost be worth losing 1.5 percent of my salary to tell the Regents that we're not satisfied here," he said.

He said the Regents' original proposal of 1 percent in salary raises was "insulting" because it was even below the 1.25 percent suggested by the Legislature.

He said the Regents "never seemed to acknowledge that we had a problem."

Walsh said in reply, "I sympathize with the people in view of the fact that the settlement is such."

"But if they do vote us down and send us back to the table for more negotiations, they need to be able to support those efforts with a strike," he said.

Keith Osterheld, chairman of the department of chemistry, said the contract agreement didn't surprise him.

Osterheld, who is not a union member and who in the past has been outspoken

against it, said "the salaries are inadequate, but I don't know where the money (to raise faculty salaries) would have come from."

"You don't get more for the faculty without harming someone else."

He said the union was as effective as it could have been in the negotiations with the Regents. But he said the UTU representatives were ineffective overall because they were not negotiating with the ultimate source of funds for salaries, the Legislature.

He said he will probably vote for the proposed agreement.

Leo Cummins, a forestry professor who is not a union member, said he is "in agreement with" the proposal and the salary increases originally suggested by the Legislature.

"That's what the Legislature said they could afford, and given the economy of Montana, I can understand that," he said.

But he said the Legislature and the university system "will have to face the problem of retaining certain faculty."

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